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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9, 21-25 and 44-52 were pending in the subject application. By this amendment, Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9, 21-22 and 44 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new Claims 53-55 have been added. Applicants maintain that the amendments do not raise an issue of new matter. Support for new Claims 53-55 can be found at least in Claims 1, 2 and 6. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner required that applicants elect a single species of peptide/mimetic/agent to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

In reply, applicants elect, without traverse, a peptide/mimetic/agent comprising Asp-Trp-Glu-Tyr-Ser (SEQ ID NO:1).

Applicants maintain that Claims 23, 25, 45-51 and 53-55 are readable on the election.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed to supplement the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 31, 2007 in connection with the subject application. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the references that are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A.

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CONCLUSIONS

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with reply. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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